

Missouri Top Openings

2020-2022

Missouri is projected to have more than 382,000 total job openings each year between 2020 and 2022. Total openings comprise growth openings, exit openings, and transfer openings. Growth openings are the result of an occupation growing between the base year and the projected year. Exit openings occur when a worker leaves the workforce entirely, such as retirement. Transfer openings occur when a worker leaves their occupation for a different one. Of the top 20 occupations with the most total openings, four are in the *Food Preparation and Serving Related* major occupation group. *General and Operations Managers* and *Registered Nurses* are occupations that are projected to have high numbers of total openings as well as average wages higher than the state average for all occupations.

Occupation	2020-2022		2020-2022 Annual Openings				Average Annual Wage
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Exit Openings	Transfer Openings	Growth Openings	Total Openings	
Fast Food and Counter Workers	58,510	76,312	6,290	6,008	8,901	21,199	\$22,390
Cashiers	67,357	70,385	5,801	5,818	1,514	13,133	\$23,020
Retail Salespersons	69,104	75,981	4,066	5,432	3,438	12,936	\$28,470
Waiters and Waitresses	34,104	45,344	2,761	4,190	5,620	12,571	\$22,370
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	74,243	79,339	4,736	3,915	2,548	11,199	\$24,670
Cooks, Restaurant	22,917	31,610	1,464	2,062	4,346	7,872	\$26,380
Office Clerks, General	55,096	56,761	3,064	3,047	832	6,943	\$33,990
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	43,663	46,284	1,930	3,500	1,310	6,740	\$32,020
Customer Service Representatives	47,712	49,357	2,257	3,524	822	6,603	\$35,910
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	37,967	40,577	2,398	2,377	1,305	6,080	\$28,140
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	55,175	55,640	2,848	2,804	232	5,884	\$36,210
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	47,712	49,635	1,994	2,912	962	5,868	\$46,360
General and Operations Managers	51,048	54,594	1,072	2,850	1,773	5,695	\$101,110
Stockers and Order Fillers	38,057	39,903	1,911	2,696	923	5,530	\$28,820
Registered Nurses	72,021	75,316	1,997	1,533	1,648	5,178	\$64,160
Nursing Assistants	37,533	38,543	2,040	1,850	505	4,395	\$26,490
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	14,098	18,229	718	1,496	2,066	4,280	\$34,810
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	20,072	23,021	1,490	1,172	1,474	4,136	\$22,960
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	28,422	30,060	1,009	1,506	819	3,334	\$39,740
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	18,152	20,220	814	1,445	1,034	3,293	\$32,240

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